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DATE: October 9, 1980

TO: Reed Neuman

FROM: Perry Mann - Southern Region

SUBJECT: Investigation of Dead Creek problem

On September 29, 1980, at approximately 9:30 a.m. I received a phone call from a woman asking to speak to Mr. Ken Mensing. Ken Mensing was in the field at the time; thereby, after indicating this, I asked if I could help her. She stated she had some information concerning the dumping of material in Dead Creek and had tried to reach Ken several times previously, but he had always been unavailable.

*ella humid?* → The woman began explaining that she has lived in the "near vicinity of Dead Creek for 23 years", and that she was familiar with some of the activities that had occurred there. She explained that Rogers Trucking had occupied the building that was once owned by Harold Waggoner Trucking for a few years. During Rogers occupancy she observed tank trucks owned by Rogers releasing liquids into the ditch immediately adjacent to the property; frequently during work weeks in the late evening, and sometimes, but not as often, during the night. The woman said she had believed that the tankers were just being rinsed out, but was not sure of that.

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When asked some general questions about the area the woman seemed quite knowledgeable of the area. (Indicating her credibility to this writer.) When asked if she had ever observed any barrels being disposed of in Dead Creek, she said no. I then asked her if she knew about any other dumping in the area, and she said she remembers when the "old dump at the corner of Queeny and Nickel was in operation". I asked if this was the old Sauget dump; she said "yes". She explained she remembered it, but nothing specific as far as a particular date or occurrence. The woman went on to say she remembered seeing barrels there, but does not remember ever actually seeing the barrels being buried or their contents emptied at the site.

As our conversation was drawing to an end, I explained to her that the investigation being done at Dead Creek was in need of information concerning whoever may have dumped materials in the area. She had stated earlier in the conversation that she had wished to remain anonymous but "thought you should know about this". I stated that I respected her reasons for this, but that she could be more helpful if some sort of contact could again be made. The woman then stated that she would try to call Ken again either the same morning (September 29) or another time.

As of this date (October 7, 1980) no further contact has been made.

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The woman's voice indicated to me that she was middle aged and throughout the conversation was very articulate and credible. She gave no indication to me that she had some bias against Rogers Trucking or any other parties we discussed. She expressed only a genuine concern to give me the information in order for identifying the responsible parties for the existing problem.

In conclusion, I hope this may be of some help to you. If you should have any further questions concerning this, feel free to contact Ken or myself.

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cc: Southern Region

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